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Residents, Council Focus On ARPA Funding Choices

by Diane Oberg

At an unusual Tuesday worksession on May 10, the Greenbelt City Council and residents started to narrow in on how to allocate Greenbelt's portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The city has received \$11.44 million with another \$11.44 million to come. The worksession featured a presentation by Michelle Ferguson, vice president of Raftelis, the contractor conducting the city's community engagement efforts, who summarized the findings of the community survey, garnered from four stakeholder focus group sessions (24 participants in total), three community input meetings (40 participants), 344 respondents to the community survey, submittals through the Engage Greenbelt website and emails sent to ARPA@greenbeltnmd.gov. These efforts looked at both participants' concerns and specific ideas.

Priorities

The top five priorities among the respondents were rental/mortgage assistance (83 responses), infrastructure maintenance (53),

mental health resources (31), Covid public health response (29), sustainability (28), essential worker resources (28), business assistance (23) and city security enhancements (22).

Resident Comments

Addressing the last part of the agenda first, several residents attended to give their views. Gionni Smith, of Franklin Park, called for more rental assistance and an increase in the amount of aid a person can receive. He noted that his mother, who lost her primary source of income due to Covid, is \$18,000 in arrears. Because she owes money, Franklin Park does not permit her to renew her lease. Instead, she must go month-to-month with her rent \$350 per month more than with a lease. He cautioned that where poverty increases crime increases, which the city is already starting to see. Lore Rosenthal supported this request. She said the money was meant to be spent now, not for future needs.

Bob Rand called for all the money to be spent on people, not projects. Bill Orleans made See ARPA, page 12

OGT Officially Opens New Screening Room, Media Lab

by Letty Wilson Bonnell



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

OGT Executive Director Caitlin McGrath cuts the ribbon of the new studio with architect Harry Ross (fieldCRAFT Studios), builder Boaz Yavnai (Boaz Yavnai Design Build) and Mayor Emmett Jordan. Also shown, FOGT Board members from left, Kristie Magee, Cathy Jones, Supratik Chaudhuri, Mary Helen Washington and Connie Barber.

Around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, Old Greenbelt Theatre's (OGT) Executive Director Caitlin McGrath cut through a gleaming, oversized green ribbon, officially opening OGT's newest space: the Screening Room and Media Arts Literacy Lab. Surrounded – in

the newly accessible doorway – by Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT) board members and Mayor Emmett Jordan, McGrath then invited the grand opening crowd to tour the new space. OGT staff cheerfully answered See OGT, page 7

City, Beltway Plaza Host First Job Fair with Local Businesses

by Erica Johns



PHOTO BY CHONDRIA ANDREWS

The LiveBE apartment provider is hiring leasing, maintenance, and building management staff for several local properties. Greenbelt's Glen Oaks is a LiveBE property.

The City of Greenbelt's first Job Fair on Saturday, May 7 was a high energy event, bringing together 20 employers and agencies that connected approximately 100 candidates, including 30 youth (under 25), to employment opportunities. The city partnered with Beltway Plaza, which hosted the event, to bring together potential employees and employers.

The job fair arose as Greenbelt CARES coordinated the city's rental assistance program

during the Covid-19 pandemic. "We spoke to many residents who were laid off or looking for new employment. We wanted to help connect people with work and help Greenbelt employers find local employees," explained CARES Director Liz Parks. "We hope to help residents find employment that will help them be financially stable." Employers described their organizations and needs to job seekers. Candidates provided résumés to employers,

applied on the spot and planned interviews.

Employers included local government, and local, global, small and large companies in management consulting, retail, property management, hospitality, health care, security and education. They included the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center (hotel operation and management opportunities); Franklin Park (leasing and groundskeepers); LiveBE apartment provider (leasing, maintenance, building management); Visiting Angels

See JOB FAIR, page 10

What Goes On

Monday, May 23
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting/
Budget 2nd Public Hearing/
Constant Yield Tax Rate,
Municipal Building
Wednesday, May 25
8 p.m., Council Worksession:
Greenbelt Road Study Time-
line, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 and the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Cpl. Christine Peters' Name Is Inscribed in Memorial

by Amy Hansen

Greenbelt police officers, friends and family listened on Friday, May 13, as Greenbelt's own Corporal Christine Peters' name was read as part of a national candlelight vigil for police officers who died in the line of duty in 2021. Peters' name was added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial, located on E Street, N.W., in downtown D.C.

Peters died January 14, 2021, after being struck by a car when she stopped to investigate a car crash on Edmonston Road. Her name was one of 612 additions to the memorial.

In addition to the ceremony, officers observed National Police Week with several other events. Officers attended the Greenbelt City Council meeting and re-

ceived a thank you and proclamation from council. Chief Richard Bowers spoke at the Washington Area Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service, and multiple officers participated in the Unity Tour bike ride from Pennsylvania



PHOTO COURTESY THE GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Corporal Peters' name is engraved on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in downtown D.C.

to D.C. that raises money for the memorial. Greenbelt officers rode with University of Maryland Police Department officers. Peters had worked at UMPD before joining Greenbelt's force.

Letters to the Editor

Why May 25 Is Important to All

Remember the outrage and actions all around the country after George Floyd was murdered before everyone’s eyes by a police officer? It is two years later, and the fight for police reform and new activism for racial equity seems stalled. Neither Greenbelt nor our nation can afford this. Look at voter suppression, January 6 and white supremacy.

Since May 25, 2020, when George Floyd was murdered, Greenbelters have gathered on May 25 to draw attention to the need to end racism in our community and throughout the world. The first gathering, organized by Carla Johns and Katy Gaughan, and simultaneously by LaWann Stribling in Greenbelt East, was a candlelight vigil and Call their Names drum circle in historic Greenbelt the weekend after the murder. At the end of the vigil, there was an impromptu march to the Spellman Overpass and a short demonstration of support for Black Lives Matter. This led to a summer and fall of demonstrations in Greenbelt – every day in support of police reform at city hall and weekly at the Overpass and the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive.

A year ago in the midst of Covid, several local organizations worked together to hold a memorial event on May 25 in front of the Greenbelt Library followed by a march to the Spellman Overpass. This gathering was called Bridging Communities.

This year on May 25, Greenbelters and other neighbors will gather both to remember George Floyd, and all those still dying and negatively impacted by violence fueled by racism, and to take stock of our progress in becoming a less racist and more racially equitable and just community.

We invite every reader of the Greenbelt News Review to join us this year. While we may point to some slight signs of progress in anti-racism in Greenbelt and elsewhere, the movement for white supremacy and to increase racist policies is growing nationally. The only way to make real progress in ending the 400-year legacy of racism is for all of us to ask ourselves what we can do today and every day to end structural racism and change in-

dividual awareness and behaviors to become anti-racist.

We are grateful for the many in Greenbelt who have lawn signs advocating for Black Lives Matter and respect and acceptance of all. As great as the signs are, alone they are not enough to change Greenbelt or Maryland or our nation.

Whether you have a sign or not, we urge you to join us in front of the Greenbelt Library at 6:15 p.m. on May 25 for the Bridging Communities gathering. Take a stand for a more equitable world and come and add your ideas and learn how we can all work for a more just community and nation. For more details on the May 25 event and to consider three simple questions about our progress and challenges around racial equity, go to the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance website at GreenbeltRacialEquity.org and take the survey at equityweb.net/three-equity-questions.

LaWann Stribling and
Tom Adams

Taxation Without Representation

As a resident of Greenbelt since 1998, I have witnessed council’s actions which have been both positive and negative in response to citizens’ concerns. Public interaction with council has solidified my belief that in a greater percentage of the time, council responds to the minority opinion rather than the majority consensus. In a truly democratic society, it should be the majority opinion rather than the minority opinion which should take precedence.

Our elected leaders have continued to increase the tax burden over time on the citizens of Greenbelt. In Greenbelt the rich grow poorer and the poor grow richer as council maintains a position between the two.

It is important that council ensures the city is financially sound, all employees receive sufficient living wages, cost of living increases and premium pay for those employees who have worked and continue to work through the pandemic.

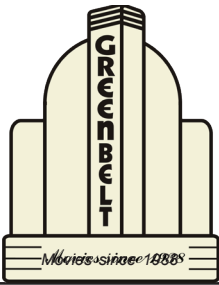
Following an inspection of the Armory by James Sterling, former director of Public Works, several deficiencies were noted to

include problems such as a leaking roof, warped flooring and asbestos. Neither council nor staff have a clear understanding of the cost to taxpayers associated with the proposed renovations. It is inappropriate to squander the precious financial resources of the city in order to purchase the Smith property. How can council justify spending additional tax money on a proposed Environmental Impact Study of the Smith property given the uncertainty of the Armory project?

Our elected leaders should take action to reprioritize how funds are allocated to various departments and capital improvement projects.

As a resident and taxpayer, I feel my opinion regarding the allocation of funds has no impact on decisions made by council. I believe actions taken by the council equate to Taxation Without Representation for Greenbelt residents.

Scott Legendre



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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Downton Abbey: A New Era

From award-winning creator Julian Fellowes comes the much-anticipated cinematic return of the global phenomenon that reunites the beloved cast as they go on a grand journey to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess’ newly inherited villa.

Rated PG, running time 125 minutes

The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent

Nicolas Cage stars as ... Nick Cage in this action-comedy. Creatively unfulfilled and facing financial ruin, the fictionalized version of Cage must accept a \$1 million offer to attend the birthday of a dangerous superfan (Pedro Pascal). Things take a wildly unexpected turn when Cage is recruited by a CIA operative (Tiffany Haddish) and forced to live up to his own legend, channeling his most iconic and beloved on-screen characters in order to save himself and his loved ones. With a career built for this very moment, the seminal award-winning actor must take on the role of a lifetime: Nick Cage.

Rated R, running time 107 minutes

Community Events

City Hosts Pit Stop On Bike to Work Day

Commuter Connections, Washington Area Bicyclist Association and the Greenbelt Recreation Department invite all to join over 15,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, low-cost commuting option that provides both physical and mental health benefits. The Recreation Department will be hosting the Greenbelt Pit Stop in front of the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center on Friday, May 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Register as a biking commuter at biketoworkmetrodc.org.

To make sure even those working from home can participate, telecommuting registrants are encouraged to bike to the pit stop and then cycle back home to start the workday.

Golden Age May Activities

On May 25, the Greenbelt Golden Age Club will have an in-person arts workshop at Schrom Hills Park. Mary Ann Lipovsky will demonstrate how to make alcohol ink abstract greeting cards and greeting cards will be made to take home.

All Golden Age Club meetings are on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. To join the Golden Agers email list or to obtain Zoom information, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltnmd.gov.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library hours: Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Health and Safety

Face masks continue to be required at county libraries for everyone ages 2 and up. The Library appreciates customers' assistance with maintaining a safe environment for children who are not yet eligible for Covid-19 vaccines and for customers and staff who have high risk for Covid-19.

Note that the Library has resumed presenting outdoor programs by the upper level entrance, weather permitting.

Events

The following events will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Register online to attend.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m.; Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Come for stories, songs, finger-plays and more.

Teen Action Group. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Need to earn community service hours? Come make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area and make your voice heard.

VolunTEEN Program

Prince George's County teens in grades 6 to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the Library's VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the appropriate information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack via the link on the Teens webpage at pgcmls.info/teens. All of the necessary information must be provided for a teen to earn their SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program, up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours.

Bridging Communities March Recurs May 25

The second annual Bridging Communities to Stop the Violence and Advance Racial Equity gathering and march will take place rain or shine on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:15 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt Library. A short program involving local speakers and drumming will be followed by a march to the Spellman Overpass, the site of many Greenbelt vigils for racial equity in 2020 and 2021. Bring chairs and signs. For more information, see greenbeltraciaequity.org/bridging-communities-2022.

Star Party Saturday, May 21 at Observatory

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, May 21, at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see a number of the many galaxies currently high in the sky, viewed through the Observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, all are welcome, whether ASG members or not, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 9:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. Per current county Covid guidance, masks are not required. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

How to Help Ukraine

The City of Greenbelt has posted on its website a list of charities that support the people of Ukraine as they fight against Russian invaders. The city identifies 13 groups that are doing work in Ukraine including the well-known Doctors Without Borders as well as the lesser-known GoFundMe projects aimed at keeping journalists going. The list can be viewed under News on greenbeltnmd.gov. The source of the list is the Washington Post.

Composting Workday At Roosevelt Center

On Saturday, May 21 starting at 9 a.m., join in an outdoor composting workday at the three-bin hot composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Aquatic Center. Help divert food waste from the Co-op Supermarket as the group works to build a hot compost pile. Enjoy snacks and conversation while working. Kids and high schoolers are encouraged to come and learn by doing.

Like the idea of keeping food scraps from the landfill, where they produce methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases? Learn more about composting by participating. Just show up on Saturday morning or email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com for more information.

Café Membership Meeting May 22

The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 1 p.m. in the back room of the Café, located at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. The meeting will include reports on the state of the Café, as well as elections for three positions on the Board of Directors (2-year terms) and three positions on the Audit Committee (1-year terms). There will also be a vote on a proposed bylaw change, which would make the membership year concurrent with the calendar year.

The Café is a member-owned and -managed cooperative, and all those members whose annual dues are current as of the time of the meeting are eligible to vote. For more information on the meeting and/or questions on membership status, contact the Café board secretary at social@newdealcafe.com.

Passport Hours At the Library

Passport acceptance service hours at the Greenbelt Library are: Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgcmls.info/passport-services. All applicants regardless of age must be present at their appointment and families with multiple applicants must schedule separate appointments for each applicant.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers.

Greenbelt PORCH, Meeting Needs

Greenbelt PORCH continues to support the St. Hugh Food Pantry through donor generosity. The remaining May pickup days are:

Saturday, May 21, between 9 and 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Sunday, May 22, by 3 p.m. in the Woodland Hills neighborhood; by 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Goldberg-Strasler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Annual Boxwood Yard Sale and other activities.

The application form should be completed and returned by Thursday, June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at pmcandrew@mzmllaw.net.

Greenbelt Park Offers Free Campfire Program

Campground guests and the public are welcome to join in under the stars for a traditional National Park Service campfire program at the Greenbelt Park campground on Saturdays, May 21 and 28.

For more information, call 301-344-3944 or visit nps.gov/gree.

Art and Poetry At Schrom Hills Park

Enjoy an afternoon of visual and literary arts at Schrom Hills Park, on Sunday, May 22. From 3 to 5 p.m., come to the picnic pavilion to create Weathergrams; use decorative hand-lettering to inscribe and illustrate snippets of poetry for a collaborative, outdoor installation. All ages welcome. No sign-up required; just drop in. From 4 to 6 p.m., attend a poetry reading in the Three Sisters Garden. Bring your own chair. Read a poem of your own or by someone else, or just listen and enjoy. Schrom Hills Park is located at 6915 Hanover Parkway.

Astronomers Meet Thursday, May 26

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will meet on Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. The meeting will be a hybrid event, with an in-person meeting in Room 114 of the Community Center and a live broadcast over Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted to the Events page of the Society's website, greenbeltastro.org.

Dance Studio Offers Magical Romp May 21


Greenbelt Recreation invites guests of all ages to enjoy A Late Spring Day's Romp through Fairytale Land at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 on the grounds of the Community Center.

Directed by Angella Foster and Lisa Pellittiere, this production features the students of the Greenbelt Dance Studio performing ballet, jazz, tap and contemporary pieces inspired by William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. With its magical themes, colorful costumes and 35-minute running time, the show is very accessible for young audiences.

Tickets are available for a small fee benefiting performing arts education programs. Visit or call the Community Center business office (301-397-2208), weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or write to rcampbell@greenbeltnmd.gov.

Greenbelt Peace Camp

Peace Camp, a social emotional learning program for children ages 5 to 14, will be held July 18 to 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. Little Friends for Peace uses art, games and presentations to teach children mindfulness, empathy, anger management, conflict resolution and self-empowerment. The price is \$275, scholarships available. For more information go to lffp.org/peacecamp.html.






Greenbelt Access Television

Greenbelt Access Television May 20, Fri – May 26, Thu

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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • Film Noir • 1955	The Big Combo • Cornel Wilde • Jean Wallace
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Judge Woods v Imagine Foundations at Leeland
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Obituaries

Janet Kuhn



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Janet Kuhn

Janet (Jan) Kuhn, Ph.D. (néé Shade) from Altoona, Pa., died on Friday, May 13, 2022, at Friends House in Sandy Spring, Md., at the age of 94. She was a Greenbelt resident from 1970 to 2020. Dr. Kuhn’s career was in social work as a director of a mental health clinic in Prince George’s County for the State of Maryland. She was an early adopter and practitioner in Bowen Theory and had longtime relationships with many colleagues at The Bowen Center in Washington, D.C. She also provided private counseling services to many clients in her home in Greenbelt. Dr. Kuhn frequently attended conferences related to social work and family studies. She wrote, presented and published papers related to areas of family relationships and the dynamics surrounding family member interactions. She studied various religious philosophies and theologies in order to enhance her understanding of how people functioned with different religious beliefs.

Jan had an adventuresome spirit; in her 40s and 50s she parachuted from an airplane (once); took flying lessons; visited the ice rink with her skates; did art painting, knitting and crewel work; wrote poetry and bought a motorcycle which she used frequently for five years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 26 years, Sy Zucker (2021). He was a retired teacher and professional musician. After their retirement, Jan and Sy enjoyed many trips throughout the U.S. They both volunteered for the county chapter of the American Red Cross, where Sy provided musical relaxation and Jan provided counseling and crisis support for victims of disasters, including on-site at the

Pentagon on 9/11.

Jan left her home town of Altoona after high school during World War II to work in Washington, D.C. In November 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, William A. Kuhn, after his discharge from the Navy. Jan and Bill (deceased in 1966) had four sons who survive her: Mike, Bill, Pete and John, along with eight grandchildren. She is survived by her sister Rosemarie, of Altoona, and her brother Theodore, of Massachusetts. Her sister Joan, of Altoona, died in 2020.



Guided Classes Offer A Bit More Peace

In a world where many people often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past seven years. Meditation this year will be offered via Zoom and those interested attend from the comforts of their own home.

The Sisterhood is attempting to make a difference in people’s lives by offering opportunities to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace.

Another series starts Monday, June 13 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., then every other Monday through August 22, with an additional class August 29. For more information contact Katrina Boverman at Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or 301-641-1035.



Our condolences go out to the family of Janet Kuhn who died on May 13. In addition to her many accomplishments, she volunteered for the News Review.

Our sympathies extend to the family of Stephen Giffin Hunt, Sr., who grew up in Greenbelt. He died on May 6.

Congratulations to Scott McGee who recently graduated magna cum laude from Howard University School of Law. McGee will be starting work at one of the top lawfirms in the nation.

Congratulations to John Henry Jones on his recent birthday. You are still an outstanding citizen as far as the News Review is concerned.

And congratulations to Kyla Hanington and other staff members of the Prince George’s County Office of Human Rights Outreach Programs for their National Association of Counties Achievement Award 2022.

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of GREENBELT

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

For ZOOM link:

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City Notes

Planning, Recreation and Public Works attended a progress meeting about ongoing parking lot reconstruction at Buddy Attick Park and coordinated on concrete work around the Youth Center.

Flags were lowered in remembrance of one million American lives lost to Covid-19 and to honor Peace Officers Memorial Day.

The Greenbelt Museum conducted a tour of its home at 10-B Crescent Road and the city center for National Town Builders Association visitors.

Currently residing at the Animal Shelter are seven cats, 14 kittens and four dogs after one cat was adopted and a dog was impounded.

Public Works removed tree limbs damaged by heavy winds and pressure-washed graffiti from the Mother and Child statue.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.30 tons of refuse and 11.18 tons of recyclables.

Therapeutic Recreation facilitated a Red Cross blood drive and weekly meal deliveries for 27 seniors.

Park rangers welcomed a Golden Age Club ice cream social at Schrom Hills Park pavilion.

City Celebrates Centenarians

The City of Greenbelt would like to celebrate Greenbelt residents who have reached the milestone age of 100 years. To have a loved one or friend recognized, contact Rebekah Sutfin at 240-542-2056 or rsutfin@greenbeltnmd.gov. The centenarian can choose from a variety of options to celebrate.

The city will continue to promote senior services and appreciation throughout the year. Recognizing the city's diverse population, Greenbelt seeks to celebrate centenarians' experiences and wisdom, provide activities that meet their needs and encourage seniors to age in place here in Greenbelt.

Reception & Art Share At Municipal Building

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts program invites local creatives to enjoy friendly conversation at the upcoming Art Share event, to be held on Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Participants should bring one to three pieces of artwork, in any medium, to discuss. All experience levels are welcome. Come early (6:30 p.m.) for an informal reception in council chambers with painting students whose work is on display. Participating artists: Kemlyn Brazda, J. Gravatt, Amy Beckrich, Barbara J. Murray, Melissa Pickworth and John Rebstock. To RSVP, write to Amanda Larsen: alarsen@greenbeltnmd.gov.

Writers Group Meets May 20

For the first time in two years, the Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will hold an in-person meeting. The meeting will be Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

The third Friday of the month has been the traditional GWG meeting time. All members and interested writers are invited to attend to discuss future plans for the group. For the moment, masks will be required.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:30 pm

- ORGANIZATION**
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions
- COMMUNICATIONS**
Presentations
Memorial Day Poppy Presentation
Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Proclamation
Small Cities Month Proclamation
Peace Month
Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget / Constant Yield Tax Rate
*** Minutes of Council Meetings**
Statement for the Record - Closed Session, May 11, 2022
Administrative Reports
*** Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

- OTHER BUSINESS**
- Council Standing Rules and Workplan
 - ARPA Immediate Funding: Additional Rental Assistance
 - Council Activities
 - Council Reports
 - * Appointment to Advisory Board
 - * Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committees
 - * Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR MAY 23-27

Tuesday, May 24 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, *On the Agenda: Minutes of April Meeting, Feedback on Student Awards, Discussion of Calendar and Activities for 2022-2023 School Year, Discussion of 2022-2023 Budget, Discussion of Committee Chair Position, Other Business*

Tuesday, May 24 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Review Past Meeting Minutes, Old Business, New Business, Adjourn*

Wednesday, May 25 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION - DRAFT GREENBELT ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**

Thursday, May 26 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Trail Master Plan: Section 5 North Woods, Stewardship Guidelines (Greenbriar Update), Invasives (Ailanthus, Japanese Stiltgrass, Amur Honeysuckle: Next Steps), Report to Council: Downed Trees Plateau Trail, Master Trail Plan Section 7: "Other Tracts," Greenbriar Clean-up June 11 (Logistics, Board participation), Update 217 Year Old Downed White Oak on GHI Property, Master Trail Plan: Hamilton Tract*

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Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 5/9/22)

- Rent and Utility Assistance
· 274 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,128,136.66
- Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 9 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$20,763.56

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OFFICIAL NOTICE
The Greenbelt City Council
has scheduled a
PUBLIC HEARING
To be held during the
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, May 23, 2022
7:30 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2022-2023 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH
OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

This is the second of two Public Hearings on the budget. The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtual via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged.

All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

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BIKE TO WORK DAY
Friday, May 20 | 6:30 - 8:30 am
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot.
Celebrate the 10th year of the Greenbelt Pit Stop! Free registration at biketoworkmetrodc.org

CELEBRATION OF SPRING!
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Saturday, May 21 | 2 - 6 pm

Come enjoy arts and crafts, music, inflatable games, refreshments, community information tables, and a magic show with Greenbelt Recreation Department and your neighbors and friends. Children and parents alike will be delighted on this fun filled day. This will be the perfect free family event to help shake off the cold days of winter as we spring into action during our Celebration of Spring.



DRAFT GREENBELT ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN
NOW AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

Public Comment Period: May 10 - May 31

The City of Greenbelt and Kittelson & Associates, Inc are pleased to share the Draft Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan. This plan aims to create a cohesive vision for the future of Greenbelt Road with short and long-term recommendations.

By visiting the Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan website at <https://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/government/greenbelt-road-md-193-corridor-plan> you can view and download the plan, submit your comments via our online form, and find more information on the plan.



INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING
Saturday, May 21 | 8 - 10 am

Have you ever wanted to try birding but don't know where to begin? Join environmental coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, for an introductory tour around Greenbelt Lake. We will go over keys to bird identification, choosing and using binoculars, as well as using different mobile apps in the field.

To register, contact kdriscoll@greenbeltnmd.gov

FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

Forest Near Northway Was Home to 228-year-old Oak

by Owen Kelley

In April, the author discovered the stump of a white oak tree that lived for more than 228 years, as indicated by its rings. The tree, which grew at the edge of the forest near the intersection of Ridge Road and Northway, appears to have been cut down in the past few months in what is now Parcel D of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Woodlands. White oaks (*Quercus alba*) are known for their longevity. A few white oak trees have lived over 400 years, like the famous one in Wye Mills, Md., but the author does not know of any published report of a tree over 140 years old in Greenbelt.

The tree sprouted around the time that the United States Constitution was ratified in 1788. Growth rings on the stump's top surface show that it reached a 52-inch height in 1794, gave or take two years. White oak seedlings that sprout from acorns in closed-canopy forests generally take more than eight years to grow this high, so this tree may have started growing in 1786.

The narrowness of the growth rings near the center of this white oak's trunk suggests that this tree started life in a dense forest.

This conclusion is plausible given the historical record. In 1773-1805, this location was near the western edge of the 110-acre Green Springs tract owned by Elijah Woods, according to Maryland land records. He also owned adjacent land in what is now the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. The 1789 federal tax assessment for this property lists only a few buildings, suggesting that some of the land was forested at that time rather than being farmed (Greenbelt News Review, November 17, 1988).

If large trees overshadowed

this white oak and suppressed its growth, it would be natural for its annual growth rate to do what its stump shows: slow from initially 1.5 millimeters (the thickness of a penny) down to 0.5 millimeters when the tree was about 30 years old (points a and b). Annual rings 0.6 to 1.1 millimeters thick are typical for a white oak in a dense forest.

This tree's oldest wood is in good condition currently. Scraping a thin shaving from the lightly weathered surface reveals wood with its rings and pore structure intact (inset c). Despite growing slowly, the young tree was healthy. Each year, it produced wood with pores during the spring (point 1 in inset c) and the summer (point 2). Oak trees add no girth to their trunk during autumn and winter (point 3). The tree experienced a burst of exceptionally rapid growth beginning in about 1867 (point d) and lasting 25 years. Ring width peaked at 5 millimeters (point e). This growth spurt suggests that the tree suddenly faced much less competition from other trees. It is possible that this forest was thinned by a timber harvest shortly after the Civil War (1861-1865). A healthy white oak tree in a forest that has just been thinned typically has rings about 1 to 4 millimeters thick.

By 1890, the tree's growth spurt had subsided, and its growth thereafter was modest until 1966 (1.5 millimeters/year), an average for white oaks in old forests. Subsequently, it showed more vigor during 1967-2019. From point f almost to the bark, the rings were 1.5 to 3.0 millimeters – so, as this tree passed its 200th birthday, the wood that it added to its trunk was evi-

dence of above-average health and vigor.

During the white oak's last two years, its growth slowed but was still average for its age. In both 2020 and 2021, the tree grew a ring that was 1 millimeter thick (inset g).

One would have walked past this tree along Northway Road without realizing how old it was. It was 32 inches in diameter at chest height, but a number of trees in this forest have wider trunks (Greenbelt News Review, November 16, 2017), though are not necessarily as old. In recent years, the author has found a few oaks and maples cut down along the edge of this forest or the forest around Greenbelt Lake that were similar in size but much younger: stumps 30 to 34 inches in diameter with only 128 to 156 annual growth rings.

An individual tree that grows slower than other trees of its species has a higher chance of living unusually long. The discovery of this white oak in the forest along Northway Road invites speculation that there may be other trees over 200 years old still alive in Greenbelt's forests.

The tree grew in Greenbelt's original "belt of green," the ring of forest and field that New Deal planners intended would surround the town in perpetuity. Due to decades-long efforts by residents and elected officials, over 300 acres of that belt are protected today within the GHI Woodlands and Greenbelt Forest Preserve, but a tree like this one growing in a road right-of-way lacks such protection.

Wildlife Refuge Seeks Comments on Hunting

The Patuxent Research Refuge is seeking public review and comment on its proposed hunting program. The public is invited to review the draft documents for proposed hunts, including the Draft Hunting Plan, Compatibility Determination and Environmental Assessment. These documents will be available for a 60-day comment period.

The Refuge is proposing to expand spring turkey hunting on 1,812 acres to include the South Tract and Schafer Farm and expand rabbit, squirrel, mourning dove and woodchuck as huntable species on 1,336 acres of the South Tract and 476 acres of Schafer Farm.

The Refuge also proposes to provide opportunities for men-tored specialized hunts, specifi-cally aligning with the State of Maryland for all deer hunt days and seasons and for mourning dove hunt season.

The full proposed draft hunting documents are available online at the Refuge's website, fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research.

The comment period will stay open through July 2. Comments should be addressed with Patuxent Research Refuge-Hunt Plan in the subject line through email to HuntFishRuleComments@fws.gov or through regular mail to Patuxent Research Refuge, 12100 Beech Forest Road, Suite 138, Laurel, MD 20708.



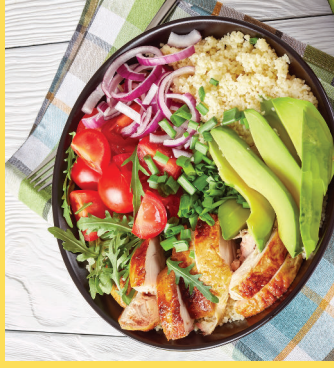
**Side view of Northway White
Oak stump**

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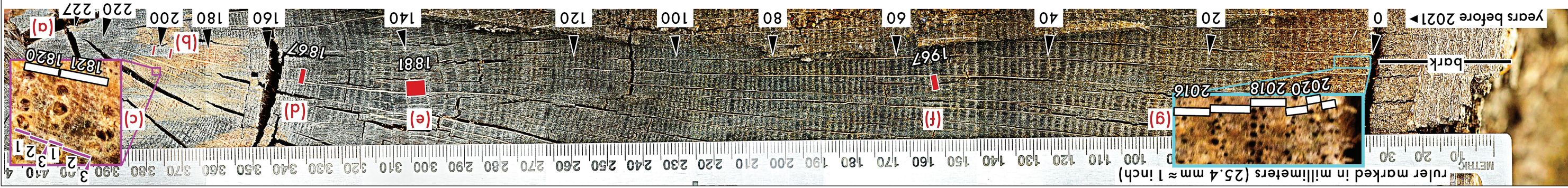
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Northway White Oak

A Visit to FDR’s Little White House in Warm Springs, Ga.

by Robert Snyder



Robert Snyder and his mother visit the Warm Springs Museum.

My mother and I visited a friend who lives an hour north of Atlanta. One of the places we wanted to take in was Warm Springs in southwest Georgia – a two-hour drive from Atlanta – where President Franklin D. Roosevelt had his Little White House retreat. On April 12 of every year, commemoration ceremonies are held to honor FDR, as Roosevelt is known, and his contribution to the nation and the local area. FDR died there on April 12, 1945.

FDR contracted polio in 1921 when he was 39. He had heard that the warm spring waters (88 degrees) had provided therapeutic benefits to others with various ailments who had been coming there for over a century. In 1924 he went for the first time and reported that his legs actually had some feeling partially restored. He would enjoy swimming with others there over the next 21 years. He traveled by train and the train station was less than a mile from the Warm Springs treatment and hydrotherapeutic center. FDR visited 41 times from 1924 through 1945.

By the 1970s some of the pools and facility were in decline; they remained so until 1995 when some restoration took place in advance of the 50th anniversary of FDR’s death. A docent said several million dollars are needed, and are now being raised, to restore the pool that FDR preferred and used most often. The State of Georgia, which maintains the museum and visitor center, is also providing some funds.

FDR’s use and love of the area led him to purchase the 4,200 acres in 1926. He built a white clapboard cottage on the wooded slopes near Warm Springs in 1932 while he was serving as governor of New York. The museum says he used about half of his wealth at that time to purchase the acreage and to pay for construction of the cottage. FDR was adamant about preservation and conserving wooded areas, both there and at his grounds at Hyde Park, N.Y. Today a \$10 fee gets one access to the grounds and garden, the museum, visitor center and gift shop, and to a tour of the cottage, garage and guest house. The Little White House has six rooms: his study, a combined living and dining room, three bedrooms and a kitchen furnished with the same 1930s appliances a few of his staff would use.

When I saw, this I thought of our own Greenbelt Museum kitchen. I had mentioned to the docent who showed us around the cottage that Mom and I were

from Greenbelt. She knew of the three New Deal-era greenbelt towns as well. Mom, who was born in 1921, particularly enjoyed the visit there as she was a teen and young woman in the 1930s and 1940s during the Great Depression and WWII.

Eleanor Roosevelt visited several times and provided hand-crafted wood furniture that was built at the Val-Kill furniture cooperative that she founded near Hyde Park in 1926. This cooperative employed a dozen local Hudson Valley carpenters and craftspeople. Other highlights at the museum are a wheelchair and leg braces that FDR used, a display of 80 canes that were given to him as gifts of gratitude from admirers around the nation, the Ford convertible that he drove around the Warm Springs area and a typewriter he used while there.

FDR would often chat with locals in the region and note their poverty and lack of infrastructure. It was really here that he became inspired to push for the Rural Electrification Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the idea of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). My own father wasn’t able to find work in Ohio in the late 1930s and was able to work in the newly founded CCC camp there for several years until he found a better paying job at a local paper mill.

One of the highlights for me, being an artist and occasional portrait painter, was to see the unfinished portrait of FDR by painter Elizabeth Shoumatoff. She grew up in Russia and emigrated to the United States as a child with her family in 1917 during the Russian Revolution. In Russia her family had discovered her talent for painting and drawing. Their family settled in the Hudson Valley area. Being a Republican, she was not a fan of FDR and New Deal policies, but she agreed to the commission to paint his portrait. The museum display says she was impressed with his charm and manner of making one feel

at ease and comfortable.

FDR had returned from the February 1945 Yalta Conference on the Crimean coast of the Black Sea and was able to get away to Warm Springs for much needed rest in April. A photographer accompanied Shoumatoff to the retreat; the last photographs taken of FDR are on display in the museum. On April 10, Shoumatoff did several watercolor sketch-paintings of FDR to warm up for painting an oil portrait. On April 12, he sat for her in the morning; using her earlier watercolor sketches and the photographs she began the portrait. Around 2 p.m. FDR complained of a headache and needed a break. He took a nap, but never regained consciousness and died at 3:35 p.m. The portrait was more than half finished, and today is on display in the museum. Several years later, Shoumatoff finished another complete portrait of him, which is often on display at the Hyde Park FDR Presidential Museum and Library or at the Warm Springs location.

There is much to see and feel at the Little White House and visitor center/museum in Warm Springs. I plan on a second visit someday – and wouldn’t it be cool to go by train as FDR did.

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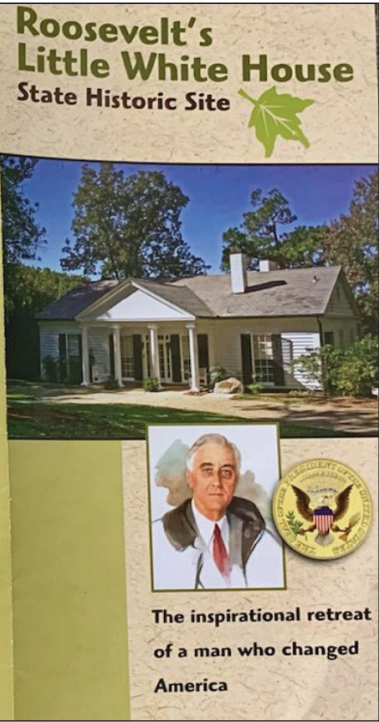


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The unfinished portrait on the cover of the museum brochure captures the tragedy of FDR’s death.

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Diamondback newspaper while a student at the University of Maryland. He wrote theater and film reviews for a variety of outlets, including the Washington City Paper, eventually joining NPR in 1984.

Mondello observed that his first love as a child was theater – but he was also an avid moviegoer. Other than taking a basic film history course while at the university, his passion for and understanding of movies came from watching as many as possible in local theaters. Just out of college, he worked in advertising for Paul Roth’s local theater chain, learning the nuts and bolts of the movie theater business. “Paul Roth taught me that a movie experience is special,” he said, “and should be pitched that way.”

As increasingly large multiplex theaters began to replace smaller local chains, Mondello began to appreciate the role that arthouse theaters played in promoting independent and foreign films that rarely played in these larger theaters. Currently reviewing about 65 films a year for NPR – and viewing at least 200 or so – he watches films in a variety of venues. He pointed out that arthouse theaters – like OGT – have distinctive personalities, unlike the big chains.

Mondello believes that as long as audiences want to gather to collectively watch films, cinema will survive. But, he added, “I don’t know what we would do without you.”

Among the refreshments were delicious cookies featuring the OGT logo.

questions while the 100 or so attendees enjoyed light refreshments as they explored the visually striking new addition to the theater.

The opening celebration event actually began earlier in the evening in the main auditorium, with Jordan praising McGrath for her vision in creating yet another local venue that reflects “the heart and soul of community in Greenbelt.” McGrath, in turn, gave heartfelt thanks to the local, county and state officials who provided funding, the FOGT board, the OGT staff and the many individual donors who made her dream of “a cinema that belongs to all of us” come true.

The central event, however, was an hour-long conversation between McGrath and National Public Radio (NPR) arts and movie critic Bob Mondello. Seated on the main stage and lit by the theater’s logo on the movie screen behind them, Mondello recounted his early years going to movies and plays in the D.C. area. A Bethesda native, Mondello began honing his writing skills as an arts critic for the



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Executive Director Caitlin McGrath talks with NPR Arts Critic Bob Mondello at the grand opening of the Old Greenbelt Theatre's new screening room.

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Greenbelt Homes, Inc. 2022 Election Results

by Tom Jones, GHI Nominations & Elections Committee Chair

* Asterisk indicates elected to office

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
5 vacancies: 4 2-year terms, 1 1-year term
201 Debbie McKinley* (two-year term)
200 Stefan Brodd* (two-year term)
200 James Whipple* (two-year term)
188 Ed James* (two-year term)
173 Chuck Hess* (one-year term)

AUDIT COMMITTEE
3 vacancies, 1-year terms
219 Grace Fisher*
208 David Benack*
208 Bill Jones*

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
members were also elected to 1-year terms by acclamation at the annual meeting.
Dan Gillotte*
Theresa R. Henderson*
Tom Jones*
Joe Ralbovsky*
Luisa F. Robles*

A total of 250 ballots were cast (none were disqualified): eight paper ballots were cast in person at the Youth Center Thursday, 218 electronic votes were cast online, 21 paper ballots were cast in person at the GHI offices on Friday and there were three absentee ballots and no proxy ballots.
Thanks to all the candidates and GHI members who voted.

Water Safety Month

The Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George’s County celebrates May as National Water Safety Month. The month-long annual awareness campaign highlights water safety education and the importance of access to learn-to-swim programs in the community. Drowning is a leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 4 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Children not exposed to swimming and water safety are more likely to drown than children who have taken swimming lessons and water safety courses,” said Tara Eggleston Stewart, chief of the Aquatics and Athletic Facilities Division at the Department. “Learning to swim, becoming water competent and participating in water safety can play a vital role in changing these statistics in Prince George’s County.”

Learn more about Water Safety Month and the resources available in Prince George’s County by visiting pgparks.com/watersafety.

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From left, Joyce Bailey, Barbara Stevens and Ann McFarland. Standing, Joan Baker and Ken Mahen



Standing from left, Doug Igelsrud, Rosalie Thomas, Jeffphine Dawson; sitting, Jane Huntington, Marti Galvin



Nancy McAllister and John Henry Jones



Seated from left, Don Rich, Bob and Mary Ann Baker, and Mary Moien, with Robin Olson standing behind

- photos by Robin Olson

Golden Age Club's Ice Cream Social Is a Sweeeeet Hit - In Person

by Mary Moien

Ice cream and sunshine – what a great combination for the Golden Age Club social on Wednesday, May 11 at Schrom Hills Park. The most difficult part of the meeting was deciding between a Nutty Buddy and an ice cream sandwich, with a few frozen fruit bars thrown in for the more health conscious. This reporter even saw a few members having seconds.

Those in attendance floated from table to table getting caught up on the activities of friends old and new. There was some talk about meeting more often in person and possibly planning a few local trips this summer. All agreed it was a wonderful day.

The club will have a craft activity at Schrom Hills Park for its next meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 11 a.m.



From left, Lyn Doyle, Rita Sayer, John Henry Jones, Rebekah Sutfin and Nancy Stull

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A Statistical Theory Approach To Gardening in Greenbelt

by Gladiola Hollyflock aka Cathie Meetre

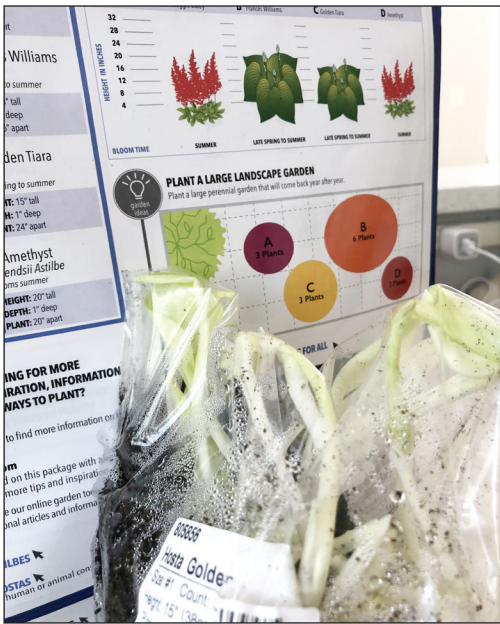
Greenbelt has many enthusiastic and skilled gardeners. I am not one of them. Some grow flowers, some veggies, but for me, random unidentified leafy stuff sprouts of its own volition. Feeling I wasn't keeping up with the spirit of the city, I bought two lavishly illustrated packages of shady perennials from a local big box store. Each contained plants to populate an entire shade garden approximately 12 feet x 6 feet in area. Shade is something we have a lot of.

After about three weeks of the attractive packages taking up counter space in the kitchen and issuing a silent rebuke, on a sunny spring day and apparently bitten by the call of the wild, I opened them. A couple of the bags inside had sprouted vigorous but rather unearthly white tentacles. The others looked ... well, dormant would be an exaggeration. The plastic bags each contained several plants but it wasn't entirely clear what was soil, which were plants and where the divisions were that separated them.

Next I set out to prepare the soil. I got out the little digger thing – is it called a trowel? But it became rapidly apparent that sterner measures were required, as the tip simply bounced back from the rock-hard yet saturated soil. So I broke out a large shovel and attacked the steely surface with rapidly decreasing gusto.

I stopped to consider. My first thought was that perhaps a garden was the wrong use for this patch and that establishing a small pottery business or possibly a brick yard would be more in keeping.

At the time of writing, the 12 plants from the first of the two packages are in the ground. Where there were new whitish



White and sickly looking, the perennial garden has a ways to go.

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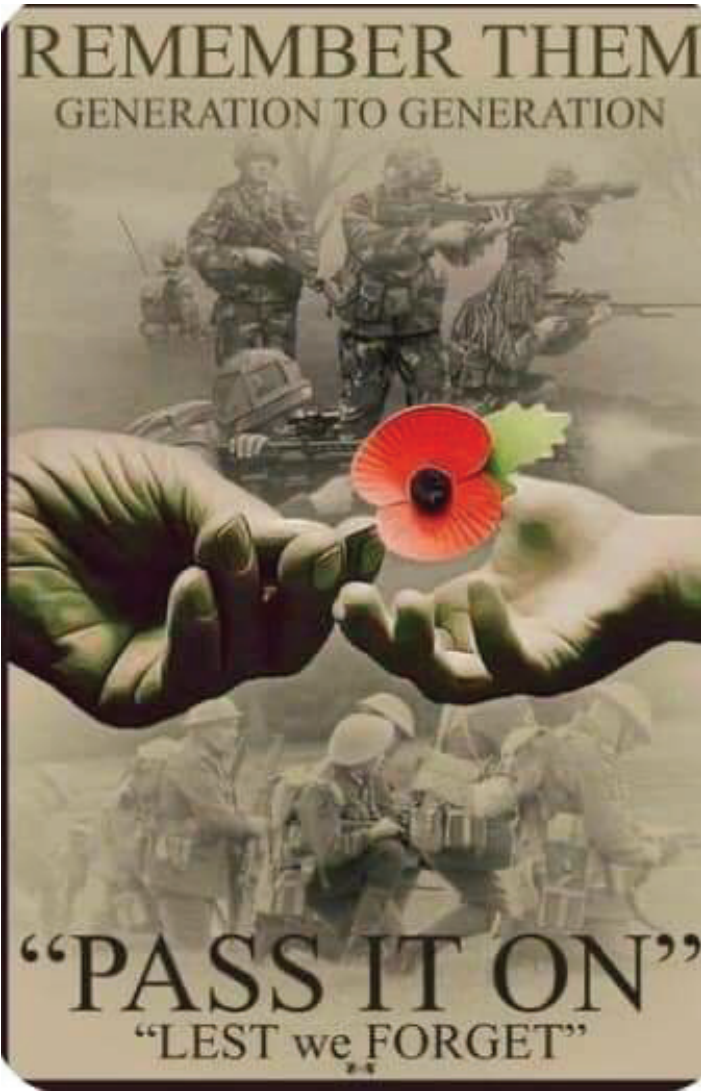
pointy bits, I put those on their up side. But that left some 11 plants in question as to their orientation. Taking advantage of statistical theory, I tipped the rest of them out of the package from waist level and put them into the ground the way they landed. Probably half will actually be the right way up. I also wasn't sure if they should be completely covered up or not, so they're sort of half and half there too. This means I have an approximately one-in-four chance of any specific one of anything growing. If, that is, I remember to water them (hold on a sec ... ah, splish, splash). If anything blooms, I will be sure to inform the reading public.



A red shouldered hawk dries its wings.

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Luminis Celebrates Staff



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From left, Nurse Lois Mitchell (Greenbelt resident), Crystal Beckford (Chief Nursing Officer), Deneen Richmond (president of Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center), and Majida Aminu (Greenbelt resident)

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center celebrated Nurses Week from May 6 through 12. This year’s theme was Rooted in Strength to reflect the difficulties of the past year and the strength required of nurses. The staff planted a hydrangea

during a symbolic ceremony on the Luminis campus. Throughout the week, nurses were also treated to giveaways, free massages, a cake on Florence Nightingale’s birthday and the opportunity to hear from several guest speakers.

Doctors Community Hospital Recognized with Safety Grade

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center (LHD-CMC) has received a B Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2022, the highest Leapfrog safety grade of all hospitals in Prince George’s County. This national distinction recognizes the hospital’s achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital. “This is wonderful news for our hospital and our team of caregivers who focus every day on prioritizing and improving quality and patient safety,” said Deneen Richmond, president of LHDCMC. “Our Leapfrog B grade shows that the initiatives we have put in place for quality and patient safety are working.” The Leapfrog Hospital Safety

Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring. “The commitment of our team to keep patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors is extraordinary,” said Dr. Sunil Madan, chief medical officer at LHDCMC. “This recognition shows our patients and community that we always provide high quality, safe care.” To see LHDCMC’s full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

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PHOTO BY CHONDRIA ANDREWS

The Greenbelt Police Department is hiring police officers and dispatchers. Greenbelt Animal Control is hiring full-time and part-time animal control officers.

home health care; Amazon; Maid Brigade; IHOP restaurants; security firm Strategic USA Groups; Angarai International management consulting firm; and language, art and music education provider Art Play Learn. In government, Greenbelt opportunities include the Police Department (police officers and dispatchers); Animal Control (animal control officers); the Department of Public Works (building, park and playground maintenance and mechanical staff and tree technicians, Public Works Director, summer help); Recreation Department (youth and adult staff for summer camps and the Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC); and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

(administrative staff, skilled labor, groundskeepers and summer youth hires). GAFC Aquatics Coordinator Cynthia Brown noted the facility’s interest in older adults for shifts that high school and college student employees cannot cover, and noted GAFC provides lifeguard training for a fee reimbursable after hiring. Training and employment support organizations present included TrainACE Academy of Computer Greenbelt (IT training), and Employ Prince George’s (job search assistance, career advice and funding for skill training and certification). Several employers learned about Employ Prince George’s recruitment services at the fair, and plan EmployPG partnerships. CARES offered case




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Judy Parker holds a copy of the Greenbelt News Review in Oslo, Norway. She is standing in front of the Oslo Opera House.


management services to connect folks to resources, including a financial literacy course (see greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments/greenbelt-cares.) Candidates and rental assistance recipients learned about the event via CARES counselors, Beltway Plaza advertising and other sources. Employers learned via CARES, Greenbelt’s economic development coordinator and other city communications to landlords and employers. GAFC Supervisor Stephen Parks reported that employers were very happy with the turnout and were pleased to identify mature candidates; CARES expects this to be the first of multiple job fairs. The event exceeded Theresa Simmons’ expectations. She was laid off during the pandemic and found multiple opportunities suited to her skills. Employers praised city engagement with them. Jennifer Rucker of LiveBE said, “I’m very happy with the Job Fair,” and Sylvester Okere of Strategic Groups USA said, “I’m happy with what I see here. This is what we call community.”

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On Monday, May 2, the Greenbelt Concert Band, under the direction of conductor Joan Rackey, entertains staff and residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, D.C. The Concert Band, founded in 1940, performs for many organizations and activities throughout the year.

Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from May 9 through May 15. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Missing Person
On May 13 at 11:35 a.m. near 7903 Mandan Road. Elijah De'sean Wade, a 15-year-old black male approximately 5'11", 150 pounds with dreadlocks, was declared missing. Wade was last seen in the area of 100 block of Centerway wearing a black sweater, black sweatpants, black Air Force shoes and carrying a gray backpack. If he is sighted, contact Detective Dylan Davis at 240-542-2134 or ddavis@greenbeltmd.gov. The critical factor is age.

Assault
On May 9 at 10:16 p.m. near 5993 Springhill Drive a dispute turned physical. On May 10 at 10:42 p.m. near 6242 Greenbelt Road, a dispute between customer and employee turned physical. On May 11 at 2:10 p.m. near 9208 Springhill Lane a dispute between neighbors became physical. On May 12 at 4:39 p.m. near 9104 Springhill Lane, juveniles were fighting.

Auto Recovered
On May 10 at 8:46 a.m. near 17 Court Ridge Road a 2001 Gold Chevy Impala was stolen. The vehicle was eventually located on May 12.

Auto Stolen
On May 12 at 7:41 a.m. near 5917 Cherrywood Lane, a commercial vehicle was stolen. On May 13 at 8:04 p.m. near 6925 Hanover Parkway, a Dodge Charger was stolen.

Auto Theft
On May 9 at 7:56 a.m. near 444 Ridge Road, a handicap placard and personal property were stolen from a vehicle. On May 9 at 11:07 a.m. near 6144 Springhill Terrace a temporary registration was stolen. May 10 recorded seven thefts from vehicles, most targeting Honda Accords with tires, airbags and personal property stolen. May 11 was also a tough day for autos when nine Honda Civics were targeted for their airbags with a Toyota Corolla and a Camry also hit. On May 12 at 7:56 a.m. near 5913 Cherrywood Lane, personal property was taken from a vehicle and on May 13 at 6:37 a.m. near 7445 Morrison Drive a rear driver-side window was broken and property stolen, and at 8:58 a.m. near 5823 Cherrywood Lane the same day, a rear tag was stolen. On May 15 at 8:59 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, personal property was taken from a vehicle. On May 15 at 9:31 a.m. near 9155 Springhill Lane, a window was broken and personal property taken and later, at 5:29 p.m. near 6116 Breezewood Drive a car window was broken with property taken.

Break-in
On May 13 at 6:49 p.m. near 9116 Edmonston Court, a resi-

dence glass door was broken and personal property stolen. On May 14 at 1:12 a.m. near 5910 Cherrywood Terrace, a residence window was broken and items taken.

Burglary
On May 10 at 4:29 a.m. near 121 Centerway, there was a commercial burglary.

Carjacking
On May 13 at 1:06 p.m. near 5833 Cherrywood Terrace in a strong-arm carjacking, a 2003 Toyota Camry was stolen.

DUI
Two DUI arrests were made. One on May 14 at 9:31 p.m. near Ivy Lane / Kenilworth Avenue and the other on May 15 at 2:16 a.m. near Springhill Drive / Springhill Court.

Fraud
Identity thefts were reported on May 11 near 8011 Mandan Road and on May 14 near 7304 Wintergreen Court.

Missing Person Located
On May 14 at 4:52 p.m. near 9117 Springhill Lane a missing Lanham juvenile was located.

Road Rage
On May 11 at 4:26 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue / Capital Beltway, a traffic dispute became physical.

Robbery
On May 13 at 10:39 a.m. near 7909 Belle Point Drive three armed individuals robbed a business while it was closed.

Theft
On May 9 at 8:20 p.m. near 6223 Springhill Court, personal property was stolen from an individual who was in the process of moving. On May 11 at 12:52 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road,

some property was left at a business counter and when the owner returned, the property was gone. On May 11 at 3:59 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road there was a commercial theft. On May 12 at 4:52 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, there was a commercial theft and the same day, at 7:22 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an unlocked bicycle was stolen. On May 13 at 10:35 a.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road a commercial theft took place.

Threats
On May 9 at 3:12 a.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road, a known individual threatened an employee.

Traffic Stop
On May 12 at 6:08 p.m. near Pontiac Street / Kenilworth Avenue, a driver was given a criminal citation for possession of controlled substances not marijuana. On May 15 at 9:14 p.m. near Cherrywood Lane / Ivy Lane, a driver fled from a traffic stop.

Vandalism
On May 10 at 11:59 a.m. near 99 Centerway, a basketball court was graffitied. On May 11 at 8:37 a.m. near 105 Centerway, a statue and wall were graffitied and on May 12 at 10:09 a.m. near 9102 Springhill Lane, business windows were broken. On May 14 at 2:53 p.m. near 6110 Breezewood Court, a residence window was broken. On May 14 at 11:03 p.m. near 9332 Edmonston Road a residence lock was damaged while May 15 saw a commercial vehicle graffitied near Ridge Road and Crescent Road, a window broken and two cars with windows broken.



On May 9, Mayor Emmett V. Jordan presents Greenbelt Chief of Police Rick Bowers and our Greenbelt Police Officers with a proclamation honoring their significant role in keeping our communities safe. From left, O. Rodas-Flores, I. Blizard, J. Forney, D. Trotter, R. Joyner, and M. Parsley



Greenbelt officers join officers from University of Maryland Police Department for the Unity Ride. See story on page 1.

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Davies Has Solo Exhibit At Torpedo Factory Center



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Rachel Cross (Greenbelt artist in residence and instructor) stands next to Davies’ painting of Rachel’s eye in this exhibit at the Gallery Reception. Also in the photo is a portrait/eye of a local Greenbelt therapist, and almost out of view, is the portrait/eye of one of her neighbors, a Greenbelt elementary school student, and the youngest portrait in this exhibit.

Greenbelt artist Sally Davies’ current solo exhibit, *Our Fractured Life*, runs through Sunday, June 5 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria. Davies will give a special gallery talk from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 22.

The following is the artist’s statement about the exhibit:

My inspiration for this show, *Our Fractured Life*, was a news article on how women are taking on a large burden of the stress and financial worries caused by this pandemic. It made me think of all the strong resilient women I know and I wanted to acknowledge them in some way. I thought that with Covid masks on, we only really see each other’s eyes, so why not create portraits with a single, very large eye, to convey a huge emotional impact. The eyes in my portraits are almost two feet wide.

The women featured in my series are mothers, nurses, family therapists, Covid researchers, engineers, students, college kids, school counselors, caregivers for elderly parents, musicians, artists and teachers – all have had their worlds turned upside down by the pandemic. The eye in the piece *Grieve Not* belongs to a woman who lost four close fam-

ily members in a very short space of time.

Viewers will notice the hand-made tiles in my portraits. Someone suggested they might represent particles of Covid-19 in the air. They might also represent overwhelming duties and responsibilities to family and work. Each tile is different, and almost jewel-like in color and texture. I created these tiles with mono print, layers of paint, tiny glass beads, opaque molding paste, textured medium, mica flakes and also included painted symbols on some tiles to represent something significant in the sitter’s life.

As I positioned the tiles, I hoped to create a bit of an optical illusion – to trick the eye to feel as if parts of the painting were dissolving or falling away. I asked the women in my series if they felt they were falling apart or piecing their lives back together from the pandemic. The consistent response was a smile and the words, “a little bit of both!”

I think we are all feeling a little bit like that. Some days we’re falling apart, but mostly, we’re piecing our lives back together.

For more about the exhibit, visit theartleague.org/event/may-2022-solo-exhibit-sally-davies.

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a similar request. Rand asserted that city staff does not understand the needs in Franklin Park. He called for the city to develop frameworks for programs such as first-time homeowners grants and pre- and after-school care. He suggested the city work with CASA de Maryland, a Latino and immigration advocacy group, to help address residents’ needs.

Real estate broker Kim Kash called on the city to take a more proactive role to help residents become homeowners. For what Franklin Park residents are paying in rent, she said, they could own in Greenbelt Homes, Inc, if they had a down payment. She also called on the city to develop shared working spaces and to provide the economic development department with funding to better assist local businesses.

Bob Rudd supported calls for more ballfields so that youth could learn leadership, maturity and teamwork.

Robert Snyder called for an appreciation stipend for the city’s front-line workers. He said that several local jurisdictions are issuing such stipends.

Council Comments

After Ferguson’s summary (reported below), councilmembers shared their thoughts. There appeared to be general support for additional rental/mortgage/business assistance, which Councilmember Judith Davis requested be added to the next council agenda. Although the city will receive \$22.88 million in total, it clearly is not sufficient to address all of the needs.

Councilmember Silke Pope pointed out that the city has needs as well that should be considered. Council has not yet seen the staff list, she said.

Both Pope and Mayor Emmett Jordan stressed that Greenbelt is a small municipality and that residents should also raise their concerns with their state and county representatives regarding where more funds are available.

Davis stated that ARPA money should not be spent for projects where the city has other possible funding sources.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts put in a plug for spending \$5 million to purchase land and create a park in Greenbelt West and at least \$4 million for rental and other direct Covid assistance. At recent meetings, several people have called for purchasing the scrapyard on Branchville Road. Davis questioned whether \$5 million would be adequate and pointed out the city would also need to look at the cost of whatever it would put on the land and whether additional staff would be needed. Acting City Manager Timothy George noted that a major factor would be the cost to remediate the site after decades of industrial use. Pope pointed out that the scrapyard is in Berwyn Heights, not Greenbelt.

Councilmember Colin Byrd wanted to see the city provide financial assistance for higher education saying it would help address unemployment and wage issues.

Several councilmembers supported looking at mental health assistance. Councilmember Kristen Weaver called for looking long-term at how to support affordable and senior housing and for spending some of the funds on infrastructure, such as implementing the long-stalled Buddy Attick Park Master Plan, as well

as projects in Greenbelt West and East. In light of increasing likelihood of intense storms, the city needs a broader survey of stormwater issues, she said. She suggested using the ARPA funds for planning purposes so that the city would be ready to act if additional funds became available.

Jordan wanted to see some of the funds used as seed money to get certain functions going. These included the proposed grant coordinator and diversity/inclusion and historic inequities positions. He also suggested a small-scale Works Progress Administration-type program for nonprofits, performers and artists to subsidize and encourage performing artists to make lasting contributions. Jordan also called for supporting restaurants and retail establishments that cannot get enough workers, possibly by offering a hiring bonus to those who take a job in Greenbelt and stay for a year. And in addition to emergency relief, the city should help those impacted by Covid to “learn how to fish.”

Councilmember Ric Gordon called for investment in the business community to help Greenbelt avoid being a “drive-through city” but instead, a place people come to live, work and dine.

Summary of Results

Raftelis identified four key themes among the responses to the engagement efforts: household needs, mental health resources, small/local business assistance and infrastructure. Raftelis and council cautioned that some of the suggestions are not eligible uses for the federal funds, but at this stage, the contractor wanted to provide the full range of input. The Raftelis report on which these comments are based is available on the city’s website at greenbeltnet.gov in the agenda packet for the May 10 worksession.

Household needs stemmed from concerns such as the impact of the pandemic on vulnerable groups. Specific ideas within this theme included rental assistance, direct financial support for residents and homeowners, expanding unemployment benefits and childcare options, offering Covid premium pay for essential city workers, providing citywide Wi-Fi to residents and increasing access to public transportation options within Greenbelt.

Mental Health

Respondents indicated that the pandemic created new barriers for people already suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders, and significantly impacted the mental health of teens and young adults.

Specific ideas within this theme include expanding Greenbelt CARES so that more help is available to homeless individuals and families and those dealing with mental health issues in need of day-to-day help; supporting funds for evidence-based mental health and wellness programs in the community and schools; and expanding mental health pro-

grams in general.

Businesses

Small and locally-owned businesses reported facing serious challenges due to the lingering impacts of the pandemic including support for local arts and cultural venues and for creative workers who lost significant income but were not able to participate in prior assistance programs.

Specific ideas included funding operating shortfalls for small and locally-owned businesses, funding an art gallery at Roosevelt Center, providing onsite theater art outside building spaces in the park with outside performers and funding for Greenbelt small businesses to improve the health and safety of their buildings.

Infrastructure

A desire for enhancing and improving some outdoor areas in Greenbelt was a frequent comment. Participants also noted aging neighborhoods and water infrastructure as an area of concern. Specific ideas under this theme include improvements to recreation facilities such as synthetic turf fields, skate park improvements and other enhancements, installing disease detection systems in wastewater systems, supporting improved air quality in business and city-owned facilities, and supporting initiatives to improve walkability throughout Greenbelt.

Community Survey

Ferguson noted that the survey had not been structured to be statistically representative. Just 344 individuals responded to the survey. These included residents, non-residents who work in Greenbelt and commercial property/business owners. Three-quarters live in the core of Greenbelt, 16 percent in Greenbelt East and .07 percent in Greenbelt West.

Thirty percent are 65 or older, 20 percent are 55 to 64, 18 percent are 35 to 44 and 17 percent are 45 to 54 years old.

A quarter of those providing information on the impact of the pandemic on their household or Greenbelt business said they had suffered a major negative impact, half said they had experienced a slight negative impact, 17 percent no impact and 8 percent experienced a positive impact.

Next Steps

Ferguson said that city staff is reviewing the summary in detail and will develop funding recommendations which will be presented to council at a worksession on June 8. George said this will be a draft, not a spending plan. Staff will continue to incorporate estimated costs for ideas.



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A solitary sandpiper at Hanover Pond on April 30

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Greenbelt Dental Team Cares For Ukrainians in Poland

by Erica Johns

Imagine you're a Ukrainian mother. You and your children survived the Russian destruction of your town, but fled that unlivable situation. You left with what you could carry, and are now in a convention center in the Polish capital, Warsaw, among a sea of black cots. You're figuring out food and restrooms, keeping your children occupied, storing cash on your body, worrying about your husband in Ukraine, meeting with volunteers to plan your resettlement and managing everyone's emotions. Then, a severe toothache begins, pounding day and night.

Greenbelt dentist Dr. Jay McCarl did imagine. When researching contributions for Ukraine, he discovered the non-profit International Medical Relief. Within two weeks his four-member team was in that Warsaw convention center treating 20 patients a day.

During their stay, from April 23 to April 30, McCarl observed, "The Ukrainian people were very stoic, kind of depressed, but maintaining a certain dignity and gratitude. Despite thousands of people on cots in a Polish convention center, trying to use communal bathrooms, showers and limited laundry facilities, they kept the place clean and were very well behaved." He also saw Polish volunteers' care and respect for their Ukrainian guests.

Two busloads of Ukrainians arrived daily, and one or two departed daily for resettlement, while the team was there. Some were at the center under a week and some for several weeks, depending on their details: the languages they speak, any countries with friends or family and the readiness of their paperwork, countries and transport.

The team was supported by contributions large and small, from: McCarl's team Carla, Josie and Lisa; Mid-Atlantic Community Church in Gambrills, Md., which funded their flights; Giant Pharmacy, which provided hundreds of discounted antibiotic doses; and financial contributions

from Greenbelt and beyond for medication and lodging. European organizations also provided support. Warsaw tradespersons made a dental clinic from a 7-by-20-foot shipping container by adding electricity and forklifting it into the center. Warsaw hotel staff printed patient history questionnaires and post-operative instructions the team wrote and translated into Ukrainian with apps. A Warsaw psychotherapist taped posters to walls for children to look at and color while waiting and during treatment. McCarl praised Ukrainian refugee and volunteer "Alaina" (name changed for privacy), who had "a wonderfully gentle way with each patient, largely speaking Russian, explaining what we will do for them and gaining their consent. She kneels down to speak to children, to be a calming presence. We all wait to begin until Alaina gets the patient to say, 'da' (yes in Russian)."

McCarl's previous Dominican Republic and Haiti dentistry missions were more rustic, though planned 4 to 6 months ahead, a lifetime compared to two weeks notice for this mission. While this clinic wasn't as rustic, it was basic, with desk chairs, manual dental tools and local anesthetic. Each patient was individually greeted and interviewed, and left with their dental emergency resolved – mostly abscessed tooth extractions – with antibiotics, pain medication and post-operative instructions written in Ukrainian.

McCarl said it was an emotional roller coaster for care providers. You want to make a difference, but realize the need is so great, that you are only a drop in the bucket, and it's discouraging, he noted. But he said he was encouraged by the "glimmers of hope and respect ... [and] surprised by the Ukrainians' resilience." He emphasized their courtesy and grace under appalling circumstances. "I hope Americans would behave similarly in similar situations."

McCarl asks that we consider the journey the Ukrainian people are on, and the challenges they are facing. Many may never again see their home or other relatives.

McCarl, Carla, Josie and Lisa have come home. The Ukrainians are still on their journey.

Refugee and Volunteer Alaina's Story

As we began working in our dental trailer in Poland to treat Ukrainian refugees, language communication became a real problem, even with Google Translate on our phones. Then Alaina showed up.

A 23-year-old native of Donbas in eastern Ukraine, she speaks Ukrainian, Russian, English and German. The complexities of her family's plight came out over time. She came to the shelter with her fiancé's grandmother. Her mother stayed in Donbas with her great-grandmother, who was unable to travel. Her father remained in Kiev. Her younger brother is 16 and pondering his next step. She said her mother and great-grandmother still have electricity, but no hot water, and running water is rationed to about three hours every two days. Their television and radio may be cut off soon.

Alaina's fiancé is in California with a green card. Her goal is to emigrate to the U.S., though President Biden's plan to admit 100,000 Ukrainians will take a long time. The fact that she speaks English is in her favor.

She showed up cheerfully each day, glad to have a purpose amid the shelter's boredom. She earned the respect and friendship of our dental team. We've exchanged emails, as we are interested in keeping tabs on her journey. She is a remarkably resilient young woman.

– Jay McCarl, D.D.S.



PHOTO COURTESY JAY MCCARL

From left, Lisa, Dr. Jay McCarl, Josie and Carla are in Warsaw on Orthodox Easter.



Lisa receives a woman and child at the dental clinic's reception station. The sign on the table reads "DENTIST."



Warsaw tradespersons made a dental clinic from a 7' x 20' shipping container by adding electricity and forklifting it into the center.

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A young patient colors a wall poster in the clinic while Josie watches.

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Recreation Director Shares Future Plans in Council Budget Session

by Matthew Arbach

According to Greg Varda, director of Greenbelt Recreation, his “passionate, devoted, dedicated and creative” staff, whose “resilience never wavered,” have produced a department that remains strong through the challenging time of the pandemic. On April 27, Varda met with the Greenbelt City Council to report on the many needs to be addressed in the upcoming budget. Said Varda, the department is committed to the city’s “mental, physical, social and environmental health.”

Overall, the department is moving toward a return to mostly in-person programs, with a continuation of a hybrid or fully virtual approach, if the situation warrants it. The department looks to a full and largely in-person summer of day camps and programming for all ages. The city’s facilities, like the Community Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHL Rec Center), Youth Center and the Aquatic & Fitness Center, will be fully open, as will the city’s playfields and parks.

Wage Increase

The department is now offering a \$15/hour wage to its non-classified staff. It is hoped that this increase will create better interest and retention in key posts like lifeguards, whose numbers are quickly moving from the current number of 23 to the ideal number of 25 (and a healthy number of 30 in the summer season). Andrew Phelan, acting assistant director of recreation facilities and operations, partly attributed this to wage improvement. “Diversity, equity and inclusion is forefront” in the department’s future, said Varda.

Youth Programs

The department is adhering mostly to its existing fee levels, along with some reductions and free programs, as it strives to fully recover financially from the pandemic. Youth are offered free passes to both the SHL Rec Center and the Youth Center, as it involves less staff oversight and stimulates more participation.

Ten programs have grown especially, like workforce preparedness, Teen Takeover (at the Youth Center), Smart Girls and Passport to Manhood, the latter two created through a successful partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America begun in 2021.

An enhanced afterschool program has been happening at the SHL Rec Center, where participants get assistance with homework, enjoy group activities and are provided a hot meal before leaving. The program is at capacity at the moment.

Park Master Plans

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) is advocating for a new Buddy Attick Master Plan to better maintain and guide future decisions about the park, with both Recreation and council keen on including Schrom Hills Park, and the entire city eventually, in this assessment.

Greenbelt West remains an area of concern, with its high population – which only looks to increase with the recent Motiva apartment complex and proposed apartments in the Beltway Plaza redevelopment – and small recreation footprint. SHL Rec Center

is already straining to accommodate all of its users. Beltway Plaza is offering an indoor recreation space in its redevelopment plans, but both council and staff felt that it will not sufficiently address the needs problem. Recreation is in talks with Greenbelt Station to enhance that neighborhood’s amenities. Varda said that a \$50,000 grant was received that will help improve the outdoor courts and playgrounds at SHL Rec Center, but more funding will need to be found.

Park Rangers

Council and staff highly praised the city’s park rangers (five currently), extolling them as the city’s park custodians and ambassadors to visitors. Councilmember Judith Davis hoped for an additional salary increase. It was pointed out that they are not an enforcement group; that is handled by the Police Department. The city is looking into providing them with a police-style radio system, as well as already offering them a cellphone, if requested for city needs. The rangers are anticipating an office at Schrom Hills Park.

Merger with Museum

The Recreation Department is proposing a merger with the Greenbelt Museum, which would report directly to Varda instead of the assistant city manager, as is done currently. If approved, Varda did not anticipate much budgetary significance in the first year as the program gets up to speed. The second year will likely bring more programming and part-time staff, as well as an enhanced park ranger education program to be led by Museum Director Megan Searing Young.

Recreation is working toward the goal of providing in-person Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE) programs in the city in the fall, with ongoing discussions with Prince George’s Community College.

Further Restructuring

Varda stated in a separate interview that there will be some imminent organizational changes, “to support the evolution of the Recreation Department,” and “ensure maximum efficiency and respond to the community’s desire for service.” The performing arts coordinator will be moved from the Community Center to the Arts budget, “as it makes more sense.” The recreation coordinator-data administrator position will be dissolved. A new visual arts coordinator position will be created

under the Arts budget.

It is Varda’s hope that the restructuring will free up the duties of Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald so she can concentrate more on public art, which both Varda and council are fully behind.

Recreation continues to receive \$5,000 every year from the city in its arts budget for the conservation of the city’s artwork, like the bas reliefs on the Community Center, along with other art projects. Thirty thousand dollars have previously been funded for the maintenance to the Mother and Child statue.

Wrap-up

Security at city facilities is being evaluated, with there being recent incidents at SHL Rec Center and the Youth Center. Varda pointed out that each facility has its needs and that security is paramount for operations.

Camp registrations are progressing well, with above 50-percent capacity reached already. They are set to begin on Monday, June 27.

Recreation is at work on the program for Greenbelt Day weekend from June 3 through June 5.

PRAB chair Jake Chestnut reported three vacancies. He praised the department’s choice to raise the minimum wage and lobbied for more recreation options in Greenbelt West.

Mayor Emmett Jordan ended the meeting by noting that, in terms of numbers of employees, Recreation is the city’s largest department.

Greenbelt Recreation Celebration of Spring

Come enjoy arts & crafts, activities, performances, food, and music with Greenbelt Recreation and your neighbors and friends at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, May 21, 2 to 6 p.m. Children and parents alike will be delighted on this fun-filled day. This will be the perfect family event to help shake off the cold days of winter as we spring into action during our Celebration of Spring.

Patuxent Refuge Opens Kids Discovery Center

The Kids Discovery Center in the lobby of the National Wildlife Visitor Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge South Tract offers a fun, educational and challenging experience for parents and children. Each month, a new wildlife theme will engage children ages 3 to 8 and their parents using a variety of parent-led, hands-on activities to learn about nature. All federal government Covid safety protocols are followed.

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